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Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2013
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
401 N. Morton St.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carter at 4:00 p.m.

Board Present: John Carter, Les Coyne, Joe Hoffmann, Jane St. John

Staff Present: Mick Renneisen, Judy Seigle, Dee Tuttle, Becky Barrick-Higgins, Leslie Brinson, Paula McDevitt, John Turnbull, Elizabeth Tompkins, Julie Ramey, Dave Williams, Lee Huss

City Legal: Greg Small, Assistant City Attorney

Partner: Kathleen Oliver

A-1. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2013 Meeting

A-2. Approval of Claims Submitted September 25 – October 21, 2013

A-3. Approval of Non-Reverting Budget Amendments

A-4. Review of Business Report

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS/APPEARANCES

B-1. Public Comment Period

Mr. Williams addressed the Board and stated that an appropriation for capital projects was approved by City Council to complete several blacktop/asphalt maintenance projects in parks and at the Golf Course. The project at the Golf Course extends and widens the cart paths from Kinser Pike to Acuff/Prow Road. The project was bid and came in under budget. He stated that more than 90 trees, most along Clubhouse Drive will be removed for the project. Lee Huss, the City Urban Forester, along with members of the Tree Commission, inspected every tree slated for removal and made recommendations on each tree. Placards were posted indicating the intent for removal and the contractor is proceeding with the project based on these recommendations.

Brian Calvi, Audubon Drive, addressed the Board indicating his disappointment in this project. He feels the 90 trees that are being destroyed are a huge loss to the City's tree inventory for a large asphalt path. The impact on the environment from the destruction of these trees is difficult to justify. He stated that it was not clear to the public when the work was being done based on the notice posted on the placards on the trees. Mr. Calvi urged the Board to consider the biomass of the trees being lost as a more significant indicator of the value/loss of the trees than other metrics commonly used.

Mr. Renneisen stated that several of the trees being removed were Siberian Elms and were deemed hazardous trees. Hazardous trees are not subject to the appeals process.

Mr. Hoffmann stated that every time he sees large trees cut, it hurts. He added that easily 2/3 of the trees are on the down slope of the property with no other choice but to remove the trees for the project. He also agrees that a

Department policy should be considered to provide staff with additional guidance regarding projects that require tree removal. However, he will be voting to move forward with this project.

Ms. St. John thanked Mr. Calvi for his comments. She stated that she appreciates the point about impact on the environment. She will be voting to move forward with the project as well, but feels a Department policy is necessary as well.

Mr. Huss addressed the Board and stated that several members of the Tree Commission walked the site. There was some discussion to remove the older mature trees to save the younger trees and allow them to fill in the forested area in the future.

Mr. Coyne stated that he has been through many projects like this. He, too, feels a policy must be established and that staff must be judicious and cautious moving forward. It is too late for this project, but agrees a change must be made in policy form.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to deny the appeal for tree removal for the Cascades Trail Project. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

B-2. Bravo Award – none this month

B-3. Parks Partner Award – none this month

B-4. Staff Recognition/Introductions – none this month

C. OTHER BUSINESS

C-1. Review/Approval of Adopt-a-Roundabout Agreement with Mother Nature Landscaping

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board seeking approval of the Adopt-a-Roundabout with Mother Nature Landscaping. The proposed roundabout is located at Winslow, High and Rogers Streets. He stated that staff has been seeking opportunities to lower the cost of maintaining, while increasing the aesthetics, of some of the 80 public medians and roundabouts that are maintained by the department. A local landscaping company, Mother Nature Landscaping, expressed interest in partnering with the City in this pilot venture. Mother Nature Landscaping and Bloomington Valley Nursery are owned by Shawn Eurton. Mr. Renneisen stated that, since Public Works owns the roundabout, their Board will also need to approve the agreement at their meeting later this evening. Mother Nature would like to start their work on the landscaping project as soon as possible after approval. As stated in the agreement, Mother Nature Landscaping will plant approximately \$20,000 of landscape material in the roundabout at their cost; perform monthly maintenance to the site for five years; periodically change landscape material in the roundabout to enhance/change the aesthetics all at no cost to the City. In exchange, the City will allow three small signs, approximately 18" x 24" indicating that Mother Nature Landscaping has adopted the roundabout. The Engineering Department has provided Mother Nature with restrictions for the site and Parks/Public Works Boards will review/approve the planting materials and signage for city ordinance and other compliance issues.

Shawn Eurton, owner of Mother Nature Landscaping, and Bloomington Valley Nursery addressed the Board and provided them with plans for landscaping at the site. He stated that he is very excited about this project and hopes to get started with the initial plantings soon.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the Adopt-a-Roundabout agreement with Mother Nature Landscaping. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-2. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey. She introduced Kathleen Oliver, President of the Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey Board.

Ms. Oliver addressed the Board and stated that she only has positive comments about the relationship with the Parks and Recreation Board and staff. While the Bloomington Blades High School Board president was unable to attend this evening, he also has similar comments about the positive relationship with the staff. Both groups are very grateful for this partnership. She added that Ms. Tuttle is wonderful to work with as is Mr. Turnbull. From a facility standpoint, Mr. Fulton is great to work with as well. It is this positive relationship that compelled their group to seek private funding for a new scoreboard at the facility!

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades Youth Hockey. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-3. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. She stated that this continues to be a very positive partnership agreement.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Blades High School Hockey Association. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-4. Review/Approval of Partnership Agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club

Ms. Tuttle addressed the Board seeking approval of the partnership agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club. She introduced Cheyenne Perry, Figure Skating Club board member.

Ms. Perry addressed the Board and emphasized three main positive aspects to this partnership: 1) Diversity in activities in Bloomington (with 23-46 members); 2) A great staff at Frank Southern Ice Arena. Ms. Tuttle works well with all groups; and 3) Activities at FSC that the Figure Skating Club can be involved in such as Skate N Skate and Skate with Santa. She thanked the Board for its continued support.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the partnership agreement with Bloomington Figure Skating Club. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-5. Review/Approval of Declaration of Surplus Property

Mr. Turnbull addressed the Board seeking approval to declare certain property as surplus equipment so it can be sold or disposed of. He stated that staff has identified some equipment to no longer be in usable condition. The items include:

- Game scoreboard at Frank Southern Ice Arena. This item no longer functions effectively and parts are hard to find. It is deemed to have little or no value on the open market. It has been replaced with a donated scoreboard. Staff requests that this item be declared as surplus property with no value to be disposed of.
- Segways – Parks purchased two Segways for the Bloomington Police Department to be used as a means of patrolling the trail system. BPD used the Segways for a few years before determining that they were not an effective way to patrol the trails. Parks would like to put those items, no longer of use, into the City's public auction. Proceeds would be deposited into the Parks General Fund.

Ms. Coyne made a motion to approve the surplus property. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-6. Review/Approval of Price Change to 2013 Fee Schedule

Ms. McDevitt addressed the Board seeking approval of a price change to the 2013 Fee Schedule. Staff is proposing to amend the 2013 Price Schedule Kid City Breakday fee from \$40/\$45 per day to \$35 per day. She stated that in August 2013 a partnership agreement was approved between BPRD and MCCSC. The partnership is designed to offer Kid City Breakday at Binford Elementary, to collaborate on marketing, and to offer parents a quality program during school breaks.

In an effort to remain affordable and competitive, staff proposes lowering the price of Kid City Breakdays from \$40/day for in-city and \$45/day for non-city to a flat \$35/day.

Mr. Coyne made a motion to approve the price change to the 2013 Fee Schedule for Kid City Breakdays. Ms. St. John seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

C-7. Review of 2014 Proposed Fee Schedule

Mr. Renneisen addressed the Board and stated that the 2014 draft Fee Schedule is being presented for review before final approval in November. Each division director will report on the changes in their respective areas.

Ms. McDevitt presented the changes to the Recreation Division prices for 2014:

- Page 6 – Banneker Community Center:
 - Increase gymnasium rental fee for Category B from \$30.00 to \$35.00
 - Increase whole building rental fee for Category C from \$135.00 to \$140.00
- Page 9 – Community Events - Miscellaneous:
 - Moved Affair of the Arts information to page 10 as it is a Community Events program. Only Farmers' Market information is on page 9.
 - Changed Cost Recovery goal to reflect only Farmers' Market goal of 100%.
- Page 10 – Community Events:
 - Moved Affair of the Arts information to this page.
- Page 11 – Community Events:
 - Cleaned up Stage Platform and Risers fees for Category I & Category II. The fee has always been the same. No need to have two separate listings.
- Page 19 – Youth Programs:
 - Increase Activity Rooms Category C rental fees from \$40.00 to \$45.00
 - Increase Restroom only with park use Category C from \$40.00 to \$45.00
 - Increase Whole Building Category B from \$65.00 to \$70.00
 - Increase Whole Building Category C from \$85.00 to \$90.00
 - Increase Kitchen Category B from \$20.00 to \$25.00
 - Increase Kitchen Category C from \$25.00 to \$30.00
 - Increase Kid City non-refundable deposit from \$20/session to \$30/session

Mr. Williams presented the changes to the Operations Division prices for 2014:

- Page 7 – Cemetery Services:
 - Several \$50 changes across the Board to be in-line with the market.
 - Trustees charges are increased by \$10 from \$440.00 to \$450.00
- Page 14 – Natural Resources:
 - Increase Annual Launch permits from \$50.00 to \$60.00
 - Increase in Education program (individuals) from 0.00 - \$40.00 to 0.00 - \$50.00

Mr. Turnbull presented the changes to the Sports Division prices for 2014:

- Page 4 – Aquatics – Bryan & Mills Pools:
 - Increase general admission 17 and under from \$2.50 to \$3.00
 - Increase general admission 18 and over from \$3.00 to \$4.00
- Page 13 – Golf Services:
 - Increase weekday clubhouse rentals from \$100.00 + \$100.00 deposit to \$150.00 + \$150.00 deposit
 - Increase evening rentals from 6pm – 1am from \$200.00 + \$200.00 deposit to \$250.00 + \$250.00 deposit
- Page 16 – TLRC Memberships:
 - Increase in membership rates across the board
- Page 17 – TLRC facility rental/concessions:
 - Delete High School Basketball
 - Delete Adult Basketball
 - Delete Bounce House

- Increase party room rental from \$35.00/hour to \$40.00/hour
- Increase party room rental w/court from \$55.00/hour to \$60.00/hour
- Increase party room rental w/turf from \$85.00/hour to \$90.00/hour
- Increase party room rental w/studio A or B from \$70.00/hour to \$75.00/hour
- Increase entire lower level rental from \$130.00/hour to \$150.00/hour
- Increase Studio A rental from \$55.00/hour to \$60.00/hour
- Increase Studio B rental from \$45.00/hour to \$55.00/hour
- Increase Program Room rental from \$35.00/hour to \$40.00/hour

D. REPORTS

D-1. Operations Division – No Report

D-2. Recreation Division – Banneker Summer Nature Days

Ms. Tompkins addressed the Board and provided them with an update on the Banneker Summer Nature Days Program. She stated that this program was possible because of grant funds received from the Summer Star Foundation for Nature, Art and Humanity. This program was held Monday – Thursday for two hours each day throughout the summer. Each day included nature discussions, independent exploration, hands-on activities, and active games. Games reinforced topics discussed and allowed participants to be active and have fun. The hands-on activities encouraged participation as individuals and incorporated teamwork as participants worked in groups. Topics included turtles, insects, amphibians, flora, water, reduce/reuse/recycle, and natural art. Live animals were often brought in for participants to see and touch. The participants also went on field trips to such places as: I.U. Greenhouse, Mathers Museum of World Culture, I.U. Art Museum, and Blue Springs Caverns.

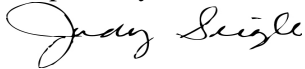
D-3. Sports Division – No Report

D-4. Administration Division – No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Seigle, Secretary Board of Park Commissioners